

REMARKS

Applicant is in receipt of the Decision on Appeal from the Board of Patent Appeals. The Board affirmed the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-15, 19-25, 32-44, 46-60, 62-70, 72-80, and 82-86. The Board reversed the Examiner's rejection of claims 16-18, 71, 81, and 87-89.

Applicant has canceled claims 19-25, 32-44, 46-60, 62-66, and 83-86. New claims 90-92 have been added. Claims 1-18, 67-82, and 87-92 are currently pending in the application.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation recited in claim 81, whose rejection was reversed by the Board. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-18 and 67-82 are now in condition for allowance.

The rejection of independent claim 87 was reversed by the Board. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 87 and its dependent claims 88-89 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 16, whose rejection was reversed by the board, has been rewritten in independent form as the new claim 90. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 90 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 18, whose rejection was reversed by the board, has been rewritten in independent form as the new claim 91. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 91 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 71, whose rejection was reversed by the board, has been rewritten in independent form as the new claim 92. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 92 is in condition for allowance.

Applicant thus respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-58700/JCH.

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